

Application No. 09/ 778,165

Applicants: Marc Husemann et al.

Supplemental Amendment in Response to Office Action dated October 23, 2003

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the amendments above and the following comments.

At the outset, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for her time on May 5, 2004 and May 6, 2004 to discuss the remaining issues in the above-referenced application. An agreement was reached between Applicants and the Examiner wherein the Applicants authorized the Examiner to re-number the drawings and to amend the specification to be consistent thereof. Applicants wish to address the showing required under 37 CFR §1.116(a) regarding why the amendment above is necessary and was not presented earlier. The amendment above is necessary because the Examiner requested a new section heading and brief description of the drawings. By amending the specification to add the new heading and brief description, Applicants do not believe there are any further issues or objections remaining. The amendment was not presented earlier because the amendment is responsive to issues that were made for the first time upon Examiner's telephone call on May 5, 2004, and since this is the first substantive response, obviously the amendment above could not have been presented earlier.

Conclusion

Applicants believe that the foregoing constitutes a bona fide response to all outstanding objections.

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Applicants also believe that this application is in condition for immediate allowance. However, should any issue(s) of a minor nature remain, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned at telephone number (212) 808-0700 so that the issue(s) might be promptly resolved.

Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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